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1. AFTER NEARLY ONE MONTH OF EFFORTS TO VISIT LUIS MONTEMAYOR, DIRECTOR OF URBAN TRANSPORTATION AT MUNICIPALITY OF SEVILLE WE FINALLY PINNED HIM DOWN TODAY IN CONNECTION WITH SEVILLE SUBWAY PROJECT.

2. STUDY OF PROJECT, PREPARED BY ENGINEER APONTE, UNDER DIRECCION GENERAL DE TRANSPORTES TERRESTRES, MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS, MADRID, WILL BE OFFICIALLY PRESENTED FOR CONSIDERATION TO SEVILLE CITY COUNCIL WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS. AFTERWARDS, IT HAS TO BE APPROVED BY SPANISH COUNCIL OF MINISTERS.

3. THE COST OF FIRST PHASE OF PROJECT IS ESTIMATED AT 41.5 MILLION DOLLARS, OF WHICH CENTRAL GOVERNMENT WOULD CONTRIBUTE FORTY PER CENT AND THE MUNICIPALITY OF SEVILLE SIXTY PER CENT.

4. MUNICIPALITY OF SEVILLE IS ENTITY TO WHICH OFFERS WOULD BE TENDERED.

5. NECESSITY FOR SUBWAY SYSTEM IN SEVILLE APPEARS EVIDENT.
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FORTY PER CENT OF POPULATION OF SEVILLE LIVE IN MID-CITY

AREA WHERE SURFACE TRANSPORTATION IS EXCEEDINGLY DIFFICULT DUE TO NARROW STREETS AND HISTORICAL BUILDINGS. HOWEVER, TIME FOR BIDS IS STILL FAR AWAY. ACCORDING TO MR. MONTEMAYOR, IF THE PROJECT IS ENDORSED BY THE GOVERNMENT, AN EXPERIMENTAL STAGE COULD BE COMMENCED, WITH LUCK, LATE THIS YEAR AT AN ESTIMATED INITIAL COST OF 1.5 MILLION DOLLARS, THEN PROJECT WOULD BE INCORPORATED IN SPANISH GOVERNMENT'S IV GENERAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (1976-1979)

6. IN MR. MONTEMAYOR'S OPINION, FOR ACTUAL CONSTRUCTION, BIDS WOULD BE ACCEPTED ONLY FROM SPANISH FIRMS. HOWEVER, MECHANICAL AND ELECTRONIC PHASES WOULD BE OPEN TO INTERNATIONAL COMPANIES OR SPANISH FIRMS ASSOCIATED WITH FOREIGN COMPANIES.

7. THE CONSULATE GENERAL WILL WATCH FOR FURTHER DEVELOPMENT ON THIS PROJECT.
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